

**SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT**

According to the 9 July issue of the Daily World (Communist) a group of U. S. radicals will be heading for Cuba next November to help harvest sugar-cane and to learn about the Cuban revolution. The article, as it appeared in the Daily World follows:

"NEW YORK, July 7 (LNS) - The Venceremos Brigade - to consist of 300 machete-wielding Americans - will head for Cuba in late 1969 and early 1970 to help harvest a record crop of sugar cane.

"A group of U. S. movement activists is organizing the brigade. Members will include radicals with varying amounts of political experience.

"A statement issued by the National Executive Committee of the Venceremos Brigade says in part:

'The Venceremos Brigade will be a group of Americans who will actively and materially support the Cuban-revolution by working in the 1970 zafra. At the same time, brigade members will have a chance to learn about the Cuban Revolution from their daily experience there.'

"The brigade was first conceived by several Americans who subsequently discussed it in Havana with representative of the Cuban government. Cuban officials have indicated that the brigade members will be welcome.

"Who should apply to join the brigade? Everyone.

"It will include blacks, chicanos, third world people, high school and university students, drop-outs, former GI's, and working class whites.

"Because cane cutting is hard physical labor, people with health problems should not apply. Both men and women are welcome, however. Those who find that they can't keep up with the work pace

of cane cutting will do other agricultural tasks.

"Participants will live in dormitory tents in the fields, and will work along with Cubans in the fields. Knowledge of Spanish is preferred.

"The 300 participants in the brigade will leave for Cuba in two groups, half next November and half in January. Each group will cut sugarcane for two months.

"Details concerning transportation arrangements and costs for the groups are still being worked out, but a spokesman for the executive committee said that financial need should stop no one from applying. Local fund raising efforts by groups and individuals, as well as a national fund will be organized.

"Although 'unauthorized' travel to Cuba is officially banned, the government has no way of enforcing current State Department regulations. In the past few years, hundreds of Americans have traveled to Cuba, but the brigade will be the largest group of Americans to travel to a forbidden land.

"The Cuban people expect that the 1970 harvest - for which they have set a goal of 10 million tons - will be a turning point in economic self-sufficiency for Cuba.

"The members of the national executive committee include Arlene Eisen Bergman, of the Movement, Karon Ashley and Juli Nichamin, of SDS; Allen Young, of Liberation News Service; Jerry Long, of Chicago Newsreel; John McAuliff, of the Committee of Returned Volunteers; Al Martinet of La Raza, and Dave Dellinger, of Liberation Magazine, as well as representatives from the National Organization Committee, the New York High School Student Union, the Black Panther Party and the Revolutionary Union Movement.

"SDS and the Panthers have given formal organization endorsement to the project.

"For information and application forms, write to Brigade, P. O. Box 643, Cathedral Station, New York, N. Y., 10025."

The Black Panther Party and its many supporters (of many stripes and colors) have been repeatedly screaming that the Establishment,

(particularly the FBI and law enforcement agencies) has a concerted organized program of harassment, entrapment, frame-ups, etc., etc., in full sway with the intention of busting up the BPP and eliminating its leadership. This is their way of explaining their many brushes with the law rather than admitting any guilt for the illegal and violent activities for which many have been charged and/or convicted. Presumably they hope to convince the general public that they are a much maligned group rather than largely a collection of hoodlums, convicts, and misfits.

One of the more recent examples of "harassment" occurred in Los Angeles, California. At 0045 hours, 25 July, eight admitted members of the Black Panther Party (BPP) were arrested and booked for conspiring to murder four Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) officers. While three LAPD officers were interrogating two other individuals, a fourth LAPD officer spotted the eight BPP members hiding behind a nearby wall, preparing to fire on the interrogating officials. Reinforcements were called in, and the eight, ranging in ages from 16 to 26, were apprehended. The persons apprehended had in their possession seven weapons, three bombs, and 381 rounds of ammunition.

Another example occurred in Chicago on 30 July. The UPI reported the incident thusly:

"CHICAGO, July 31 (UPI) - Five policemen were wounded by gunfire from the headquarters of the Black Panther Party early today.

"Three men shouting 'die pig' were arrested when police stormed the west side building used as Panther headquarters, police said.

'All I know is we stopped our car, and they were shooting at police from the headquarters of the Black Panther office upstairs,' said patrolman Robert Flynn.

"Mr. Flynn said he and another policeman had to blow the lock off the door of the building with shotguns. 'We proceeded upstairs. There was no resistance. In the building we found many guns. We went thru the apartment and out to the back porch.

'There were these three Panthers shouting, 'Die pig.' They kept shouting it. They fought. They were subdued.'

"Mr. Flynn and other officers said they did not know why the Panthers opened fire. The three Panthers were taken to Cook County hospital, police said. The wounded policemen were taken to hospitals.

"When the shooting was reported, police ordered 'heavy equipment' and tear gas sent to the scene. As a crowd of several hundred persons gathered, smoke billowed from a building and firemen answered the call. The fire was put out and the neighborhood was uneasily quiet."

The United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the largest Klan organization in the United States, has instituted assessments for a defense fund. The purpose of the fund, according to Klan sources, would guarantee every Klansman or Klanslady legal defense counsel in the event he or she falls victim to "harassment" type arrests.

Last month a mail ballot was conducted among the members of UCLA's academic Senate. The Senate, which consists of University faculty members, considered several of the most pressing problems facing the American campus today and the results, which included the largest number of votes (895) in the history of the Senate, indicated to some observers that the UCLA faculty is experiencing a political awakening.

One topic of the poll, a purely local one, dealt with academic promotions and appointments and the Senate, as would be expected voted overwhelmingly that such matters should be handled autonomously by each institution involved rather than by the, presently in force, consolidated State Universities system.

Of much more general application, however, the Senate also addressed the topics of ROTC and classified military research. Both topics are closely related to the Vietnam War and have been nauseatingly constant targets of SDS and other left extremists for the past ten months.

In considering the results of the Academic Senate Poll, several variables should be kept in mind. First, the UCLA campus is considered probably the most conservative large enrollment state school in California and with the exception of the University of Southern California is possibly the most conservative big school, public or private, in the state. With this conservatism, however, one inconsistent fact that concerns west coast college administrators is the ease with which large numbers of

student demonstrators can be assembled for simple-minded, largely unworthy causes. To date, however, once assembled, demonstrations have terminated peacefully; at the scheduled hour, with little or no rowdyism or destruction reported (the killing of two Black Panther members several months ago took the form of feuding between black militant groups and did not involve student protest activities).

The question regarding University involvement with ROTC was triple tined.

1. Should ROTC be abolished?

yes - 191  
no - 624

2. Should credit be given for ROTC?

yes - 509  
no - 297

3. Should the Universities ROTC program be investigated?

yes - 552  
no - 249

Other propositions voted on concerned war-related research activities. One question dealt with whether or not the University should sever connections with the weapons testing centers administered by UCLA at Los Alamos and Livermore. Though it had been previously defeated (by a voice vote in May) in the mail ballot the voting was in favor of the University continuing 514 to 329. A final interesting result was the Senate reaction to classified military research on campus. To allow such research failed to pass Senate approval by a vote of 380 to 454. It has been reported that no such research activity is presently in progress on the UCLA campus.



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CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Asterisked items are either reported for the first time or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

In addition to the protests already planned and noted in the following items, it is expected that the late summer and fall will be marked by numerous local protests, covering in such issues as racism, ROTC, and military recruitment and classified research on campuses. A determined effort to upset the schools at the high-school level is also anticipated.

- August** \*Puerto Rico - The Federation of University Students for Independence is planning a series of demonstrations at the University of Puerto Rico, beginning in August, to force ROTC from the campus. It plans meetings, marches, and the disruption of ROTC drills.
- August 2-3** \*Rochester, New York - The University of Rochester chapter of SDS is sponsoring a regional meeting of SDS chapters. One purpose of the meeting is reputed to be to restate SDS policy and prevent undue influence by the Progressive Labor Party. A secondary purpose is to consolidate membership and prepare plans for action for the coming academic year.
- August 4-5-6** \*Maryland and Washington, D.C. - On 4 August, an unknown number of members of the Mid-Atlantic Committee on Ft. Detrick plan to demonstrate at the Main Gate of Ft. Detrick, distribute leaflets in Frederick, Maryland, and travel by motorcade from Frederick to Rockville, Maryland, where they may hold a public meeting and show a film entitled, "A Plague on Your Children." On 5 August, they will walk from Rockville to Bethesda, Maryland, distributing leaflets along the way. They plan to show the above-mentioned film in Bethesda. On 6 August, they will walk from Bethesda to the White House, Washington, D.C., distributing leaflets enroute.
- August 4-10** \*Los Angeles, California - Last year, the Watts Summer Festival in Los Angeles degenerated into a riot condition in which at least three people were killed and some 30-40 were injured. The Festival is scheduled again this year for 4-10 August with a large parade to climax the activities on the 10th.

\*Unconfirmed reports indicate that Black Panther Party (BPP) chapters in Chicago, Illinois, Kansas City, Kansas, and Seattle, Washington, will each send five members to Los Angeles to attend the Watts Festival from 4-10 August. The Los Angeles BPP is allegedly recruiting BPP members from San Diego and San Francisco, California, for the festival. No further information is available.

August 4-9

\*New York City - During the period 4-9 August, the Fifth Avenue Vietnam Peace Parade Committee will sponsor the following anti-war activities to commemorate the anniversaries of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The demonstrations will protest not only the war and atomic weapons but an extension of the U.S. - Japanese security treaty which comes up for renewal next year:

4 August - A demonstration at New York Governor Rockefeller's Office with the theme, "No Vietnams in Latin America."

5 August - A picket and possible sit-in at New York City Council, demanding troop withdrawal from Vietnam and conversion of the war budget to domestic priorities.

\*6 August - A ceremony to commemorate the people killed in Vietnam to take place at the United Nations Building.

7 August, 1200 hours - A rally at Garment Center, New York City.

8 August - "Anti-war actions" (NFI) to be held at unspecified local draft boards.

9 August - A march from Times Square to Central Park's Mall, demanding troop withdrawal from Vietnam.

August 6-17

San Clemente, California - At a recent meeting of the San Diego, California, branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), it was announced that a peace march will be held during the period 17-19 August at either the summer White House, San Clemente, California, or in the vicinity of the Newport Beach Hotel, Newport Beach, California. During a conference held by the Peace Action Council, Los Angeles, California, on 13 and 14 June, it was decided that all groups affiliated with the Peace Action Council will work to build a massive demonstration to be held on 17 August at San Clemente adjacent to the summer residence of the President. Irving Sarnoff, the leader of the Council, called for "A summer vacation the President will never forget."



Also decided at the National Anti-War Conference held at Cleveland, Ohio, on the weekend of the 4th of July, was to participate in a demonstration against President Nixon at the summer White House. A confidential source has advised that Bobby Seale, Chairman of the extremist Black Panther Party, is being sought as one of the speakers for the demonstration.

\*On 5 August, Floyd B. Nelson, Long Beach, California, will sail his boat to the area in front of the Summer White House. From that date on until 17 August, he will send balloons, calling for support for the demonstration movement. On August 17, other boats will join him and balloons bearing antiwar messages will be released. On 17 August, demonstrators will assemble at San Clemente and march in front of the President's residence. After the march, a rally will be held. The recent World Peace Assembly, which met in East Berlin, Germany, has endorsed this demonstration and has called for a massive letter-writing campaign. The letters are to reach the Summer White House by August 17. *1968 11/11/68 11/11/68*

August 19-29

\*University of Texas at El Paso, Texas - The National Student Association Congress reportedly will be attended by Tom Hayden and Mark Rudd of SDS, Robert Powell (head of NSA), and Ed Surtan, former President of NSA. Ronald Vincent, President of the Student Action Committee at the University of Texas, El Paso, reportedly has stated that he has obtained information that the Young Americans for Freedom organization is planning to send a "goon squad" to the Congress for purposes of disruption.

Some of the NSA meetings reportedly will be held in Juarez, Mexico, particularly those involving militant discussions, in order to avoid "harassment" by conservative elements.

The Third World Commission (TWC) will hold a convention in El Paso at the same time and in conjunction with the NSA Congress. The purpose of the TWC Convention reportedly is to take the first step in organizing a National Association of Black Students to serve black students in a manner similar to the NSA, which some blacks feel "relates" only to white students. The TWC reportedly was formed and funded for minority group students by the NSA during the past year. *1968 11/11/68*

August 29-31

Los Angeles, California - On 13 June, Leroi Jones, the poet and playwright, and other black leaders announced in Newark, New Jersey, that the Fourth National Black Power Conference will be held in Los Angeles. The theme of the Conference will be "1969 Reconstruction."

September

\*San Francisco - A dramatic move is in the making at Stanford, where student radicals are reportedly developing plans for a week-long series of demonstrations to be held during the International Industrial Conference at San Francisco in September. The conference will bring together 500 heads of major industrial, technological, and financial firms like U.S. Steel, IBM, Royal/Dutch Petroleum, and the Chase Manhattan Bank in a top-level gathering that the students say "is destined to consolidate the dominion of the multi-national corporations in the third world."

September 16

Southwest, United States - Mexican-American and other Spanish-speaking youths intend to shut down the schools of the Southwest on 16 September in a demonstration of solidarity and protest on the anniversary date of the Mexican revolution. According to Rudolpho Corky Gonzalez, leader of the Crusade for Justice, it will be a demonstration "to change the whole educational system to relate to our needs."

September 24

Chicago, Illinois - Trial has been set for 24 September for the eight protest leaders indicted on charges of conspiracy to incite a riot in connection with the disorders at the Democratic National Convention last fall. All eight pleaded "not guilty" in Federal District Court on 9 April. Each defendant also faces charges of crossing state lines to foment disorder or to otherwise violate the Civil Rights Act of 1968. Rennie Davis, Bobby Seale, John R. Froines, and Lee Weiner had their travel restrictions eased but are required to keep the Court fully informed of their movements.

\*The Chicago Peace Council, an anti-war group, was to hold a planning conference at Chicago, Illinois, on 30 July. The purpose of this conference was to discuss plans for demonstrations to be held in Chicago during these trials.

SDS is reported to be planning to participate in a demonstration on 27 September in support of the trial defendants, the self-proclaimed "Conspiracy Eight."

October 6

Baltimore, Maryland - The trial of H. Rap Brown, militant black former head of SNCC, charged with inciting a riot and arson in a Cambridge racial disturbance two years ago, has been set for October 6 in Harford County Circuit Court. This is the second time it has been scheduled since the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, rejected Brown's request that it be tried in Cambridge, Maryland, which was the scene of a riotous disturbance in July 1967 after Brown spoke at a street rally of Negroes.

October 11

Chicago, Illinois - A statement recently released by the SDS National Action Staff calls for "a National Action in Chicago on 11 October as a way of uniting the youth movement in this country in the fight for liberation."

In a free-wheeling tirade which acknowledged that "while Vietnam is the critical and most pressing issue facing us today," the War is ON - a war against imperialism, racism, and oppression - "that war must continue even after the U.S. ruling class and its occupational troops have been forced out of Vietnam for good."

"...Imperialism, the international system of capitalism, is the greatest enemy of the people of the world, and it is the cause of the War in Vietnam. Serving the people means ending the War in Vietnam as the primary task of the anti-imperialist movement."

After expressing support of the NLF of South Vietnam and the new Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam, the statement goes on to ask all GE's to respond with demonstrations on their own bases as well as joining SDS action. As with the Black Panthers and other dissident groups, it joins in the growing move to label all opposition to "movement activities" as fascist attacks.

Also, the "October 11 action will be just one step in an ongoing attack; off of that action we must build a programmatic attack that reaches everywhere, an attack that makes the slogan 'Get Out of Vietnam' a reality, and builds a mass based revolutionary movement in this country."

\*All across the country, radical groups are working intensively on plans for a massive descent on Chicago in mid-October.

October 18

\*San Francisco - At the recent National Conference for a United Front Against Fascism held in Oakland, California, 18-20 July, sponsored by the ITP, registration was conducted for membership in the United Front Against Fascism and it was announced that the United Front would hold a conference 18 October 1969 in San Francisco. [REDACTED]

November 8

\*Nationally - SDS has said that as a follow-up to the 11 October action in Chicago, regional demonstrations will be held throughout the country to make it clear that SDS will not be tricked by "phony bombing alerts or troop withdrawals or any games played by liberal politicians." SDS says, "We will not be turned around."

November 14-15

\*Nationally and Washington, D.C. - The Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (SMCWV), which is controlled by members of the Young Socialist Alliance (the youth group of the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party), announced plans in July for a nation-wide student strike on 14 November to be followed the next day, 15 November, by a massive anti-war march in Washington, D.C. The march is being designed to get as near the White House as possible "to bring the protest message home to the President."

SOURCE: Government and news media.

RELIABILITY: Probably true.

They claim that as many as 30,000 students will gather there to protest the war and demonstrate their support for the Black Panthers and for the "Conspiracy 7," who are charged with conspiring to incite riots at the Chicago Democratic convention last year.

\*Mark Rudd, newly elected National Secretary by the SDS "national office segment," at a news conference 21 July held in Chicago's Grant Park, scene of many disturbances during the Democratic Convention, stated that, "We intend to return to Chicago precisely because it has come to symbolize what a government held together by force is all about." Offering a little something for nearly everyone in order to swell their numbers, among the demands of the demonstrators will be: Independence for Puerto Rico, an end to the income surtax, and the freeing of Huey P. Newton and Fred Hampton, NPP leaders who are serving prison terms. Rudd said there will be similar demonstrations in other cities during October.

October 15

Nationally - The Vietnam Moratorium Committee, headed by former Harvard divinity student Sam Brown, a former New Hampshire canvasser for Senator Eugene McCarthy, will attempt to "shut down" all normal University activities for the day of 15 October in protest against continued American participation in the Vietnam War. Mr. Brown also hopes that his organization will in coming months work with other forces organized against military training, anti-ballistic missile systems, and racism. Mr. Brown states that his organization, which is planning a mammoth campaign, will greatly appreciate assistance from anyone including SDS. The office address of the Vietnam Moratorium Committee is 1039 Vermont Avenue, N.W. (a favorite for radical groups in the D.C. area).

\*SDS has indicated it will take a major part in this project, called a "moratorium" rather than the more inflammatory word "strike."